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SCHOOL LUNCH SPONSORS SHOULD WATCH SUPPLIES School Lunch Program Sponsors should watch their food inventories closely during the final month of operation, and try to avoid having any unused commodities on hand when the program is over. Of course, in all cases it may not be possible to come out exactly even. If foods upon which reimbursement has been claimed from the Office of Distribution, do remain, then an inventory showing the amounts and values should be submitted with the final claim. A suggested form for the inventory report already has been sent to all sponsoring agencies. The value of unused foods will be deducted from the final claim, and the foods then may be disposed of in any way the sponsor sees fit. Careful purchasing during the last month of operation, however, in addition to careful planning of meals so as to utilize all foods for which reimbursement is claimed, would obviate an inventory.

SCHOOLS MAY USE FUNDS FOR VICTORY GARDENS The question has been raised as to whether funds accruing from the operation of a school lunch program can be used in the purchase of seed and in the general maintenance of a School Lunch garden. The Washington office of the OD reports as follows: "We can see no objection to the use of school lunch funds for the purchase of seed and for other costs incident to the operation of a garden, providing all of the produce derived from the garden is to be used in the School Lunch Program. Article VI of the school lunch agreement provides that school lunch funds may be used in the maintenance of the program. A school lunch garden quite definitely contributes to such maintenance."

SCHOOL LUNCH DATA FOR NORTH DAKOTA School Lunch Programs in North Dakota now total 505 and operate in 50 counties. The total participation is 29,393 children, and the total encumbrance for the year is \$164,616.83. These figures are as of March 15 release date. New programs are being added daily.

FOOD FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM

The following is a list of foods that are expected to be in relative abundance during April.

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| White Potatoes | Green Cabbage | Shell Eggs |
| Fresh Oranges | Grapefruit | Canned Green-Wax Beans |
| Frozen Vegetables | Soya Products | Oatmeal |
| Wheat Flour and Bread | Peanut Butter | Noodles |
| Macaroni | Spaghetti | Citrus Marmalade |
| Dry Mix and Dehydrated Soups | | |

Check with your local merchants on their No-Point Low-Point Commodities

MENU SUGGESTIONS OFFER Each issue of the School Lunch News will contain weekly
NEW IDEAS TO SPONSORS menus used by various schools participating in the School Lunch Program in North Dakota. The menus will be selected at random from material sent to the OD Office.

Menu used at Garrison Public School--(Type A with milk)

MONDAY: Scalloped corn, ham sandwiches, graham crackers, peanut butter, bread and butter, fruit sauce and milk.

TUESDAY: Scalloped potatoes, carrot and cabbage salad, peanut butter, bread and butter, fruit sauce, ginger bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Fricassee of beef with vegetables, graham muffins, bread and butter, baked apples, milk.

THURSDAY: Baked macaroni, johnny cake, apple sauce, peanut butter, bread and butter, oatmeal cookies, milk.

FRIDAY: Potato salad, with eggs, golden cottage pudding, peanut butter sandwiches, milk.

Menu used at Forbes Public School--(Type A with milk)

MONDAY: Ham sandwich, creamed corn, apples, milk.

TUESDAY: Lima beans and potatoes, cheese sandwich, citron and apple sauce, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Meat Loaf, oranges, lima bean soup, mixed vegetable salad, raisin graham pudding, milk.

FRIDAY: Corn chowder, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, apple pudding, milk.

THANK YOU, MRS. SHORT. The Office of Distribution always is eager to receive comments on operation of the school lunch program. Constructive criticism enables the OD to perfect the program, and compliments offer additional incentive to explain the program to other schools so that they, too, may participate. The following is the last paragraph of a letter received by the OD from Mrs. Lola Short, sponsor of the School Lunch Program at Fingal Public Schools. Thank you for your comments, Mrs. Short. Her comments are: "I will admit that it hardly seemed worth while for the first month to try to cope with all the red tape required. But now I find it most simple and the enthusiasm of the children and the community have made all my "headaches" well worth while. The lower grade teachers have said there is a distinct improvement in many of the children since last fall and I can't help but feel that much of it is due to the benefits derived from the hot lunch. I am fully convinced every school should have this hot lunch program and it surely is one of the finest things our government can do for the youth of the nation. Sincerely, Mrs. Lola Short."

SCHOOL LUNCH SPONSORS Many schools which planned to close their lunch programs
MAY EXTEND CONTRACTS in March or April have decided to continue the project until the last day of school for the year. This action meets with the approval of the Office of Distribution, and a letter from the sponsoring agency to the OD asking for an extension is all that is needed to extend a program beyond the original closing date specified in the schools contract. No contract, however, may be extended beyond June 30, 1944, the end of the present fiscal year.

AUDITS ARE DESIGNED Audits of school lunch programs in operation in the 11 states
TO ASSIST SPONSORS of the OD's midwest region are now under way. The findings have been assembled in bulletin form for communication to school lunch program sponsors. Purpose of the bulletins is to present uniform accounting and reporting practises for greater efficiency and better feeding of children in participating schools.